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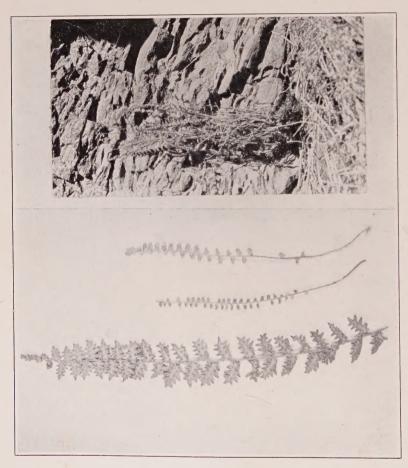


Fig. 2. N. Sinuata growing at the base of a rocky ledge Fig. 1. Three fronds, one large, Notholaena sinuata; two small, N. sinuata, var. COCHISENSIS

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A COMPARISON OF THE TOXICITY OF NOTHOLAENA SINUATA AND N. SINUATA VAR. COCHISENSIS*

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Data on the toxicity of a fern for cattle, sheep, and goats were presented in a previous publication under the title of *Notholaena sinuata*, var. *crenata* (Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin No. 611, 1942). Quite recently it was called to our attention that the nomenclature employed in that publication was erroneous and that the correct designation for the plant should have been *N. sinuata*, var. *cochisensis*. Therefore, the correct nomenclature is employed in this publication.

Both the species and the variety are common plants in the Trans-Pecos area of Texas, but as a rule they do not occur with equal abundance in the same locality. On the limestone hills and mountains of this area the variety is the more abundant of the two plants, while on the Davis Mountains, which are of igneous rock formation, the opposite condition prevails. Proof of the toxicity of the variety determined the cause of serious sheep losses in many limestone areas but left the status of the species was desired in view of the fact that there has been a gradual extension of the sheep industry into the Davis Mountains, where this plant is often found in considerable abundance.

^{*}Approved for publication as Technical Contribution no. 906 from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station by C. H. McDowell, Acting Director, and G. B. Winstead, Director of Information and College Publication, Prepared in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry, Agricultural Research Administration, Washington, D. C.

For exact information a comparison of the toxicity of the two plants growing in the same soil formation was desired. With this in view a place was selected in the Davis Mountains near Alpine, where both plants could be found in sufficient quantities to feed to experimental animals. This locality consisted of but a few acres with uniform soil conditions throughout, thus eliminating the factor of different soil formations which must be considered in an experiment of this nature. For the past four years both plants have been gathered in this locality and fed to both sheep and goats in both green and dry state. The results of the feeding tests are summarized in the accompanying table.

THE RESULTS OF FEEDING FERNS TO SHEEP AND GOATS

No.	Animal weight lbs.	Total lbs. fed	Per cent body wt.	Days fed	Results
	1	V. SINUATA	(Lag. ex Sw	.) Kaulf.	
S163	70	6.3	9.0	9	No ill effects
S169	55	4.5	8.1	6	No ill effects
S170	65	6.4	9.8	8	No ill effects
S139	70	8.4	12.0	8	No ill effects
S142	73	4.8	6.5	8	No ill effects
S169	55	7.0	12.7	7	No ill effects
S176	83	8.3	10.0	6	No ill effects
G92	70	5.6	8.0	8	No ill effects
G2879	50	6.0	12.0	6	No ill effects
	N. SINUA	TA var. co	CHISENSIS (C	Goodding)) Weath.
S170	65	1.8	2.7	3	Marked toxic effects
S142	73	0.6	0.82	2	Marked toxic effects
S169	55	0.9	1.63	$\frac{2}{3}$	Marked toxic effects
S176	85	1.5	1.78	3	Marked toxic effects
G2879	50	1.5	3.0	3	Marked toxic effects

A total of seven sheep and two goats were fed N. sinuata for periods of 6 to 9 days. The total amounts of the plant fed during these periods varied from 6.5 to 12.7 per cent of the body-weights of the animals. No evidence of toxic effects were observed. On the other hand the variety cochisensis produced marked toxic effects in four of these animals with the largest dose equivalent to 3 per cent and the smallest 0.82 per cent of the body-weight, after a feeding period of but 2 to 3 days. The largest dose was probably in excess of the minimum amount which would have been required to produce toxic effects as numerous feeding tests with the variety have shown that one per cent of the body-weight constitutes a toxic dose for both

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sheep and goats. The plan adopted was to feed the species to two animals and the variety to a third animal at the same time. The feeding of the latter plant was discontinued as soon as toxic effects appeared but the feeding of the species was continued until comparatively large amounts had been administered. Since no evidence of ill effects could be detected as a result of feeding the species, part of the animals which received this plant were later fed the variety in order to test the susceptibility of these animals, a procedure that was not required from past experience, as we have never found a sheep or goat which is resistant to the toxic principle in var. cochisensis. The results of the experimental feeding are in accord with limited field observations which have disclosed no reason for suspecting N. sinuata of being poisonous for livestock.

In view of the fact that the two plants occur in the same soil formation, that one is toxic and the other is not, that the two plants can be readily differentiated, the present classification is certainly inadequate. The gulf between these two plants should provide sufficient reason for classifying var. *cochisensis* as a species rather than a variety.

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A HANDY GUIDE TO AQUATIC AND MARSH VEGETATION.—A number of sumptuously illustrated and extensive volumes on aquatic and marsh plants have recently been published. These hardly demand comment here. A more modest study, with every indication of care in its preparation and up-to-date understanding of the plants is the pamphlet by Moyle and Hotchkiss on such plants of Minnesota.¹ As said, this study shows every indication that the authors have taken pains to check on the latest studies of the plants they discuss; only in two or three cases have they missed recent revisions. Their keys are clear and interesting, the drawings simple and readily recognizable, the text instructive and authoritative. The state of Minnesota is to be congratulated upon the production of so unpretentious and accurate a bulletin.—M. L. F.

¹ MOYLE, JOHN B., AND NEIL HOTCHKISS. Aquatic and Marsh Vegetation of Minnesota and its Value to Waterfowl. Minn. Dept. Conservation, Technical Bull. no. 1. 122 pp., many illustrations, keys, etc. 1945.

NOTES ON THE COMPOSITAE OF THE NORTH-EASTERN UNITED STATES. II. HELIANTHEAE AND HELENIEAE

ARTHUR CRONQUIST

The first paper of this series appeared in Rhodora 47: 182–184. 1945.

Ambrosia trifida L. var. **trifida**, nom. nov. A. trifida L. Sp. Pl. 987. 1753, sens. strict.

BIDENS VULGATA Greene var. vulgata, nom. nov. B. vulgata

Greene, Pitt. 4: 72. 1899, sens. strict.

The North American species of Coreopsis with yellow rays, greatly reduced upper leaves, and fimbriate or pectinately toothed achaenial wings were treated by Asa Gray as two species, C. aladiata Walt., with alternate, elongate, and relatively broad leaves, and C. angustifolia Ait., with mostly opposite, shorter, and relatively narrow leaves. Some other names which have been applied to plants of this group are C. linifolia Nutt., C. longifolia Small, C. falcata Boynton, C. oniscicarpa Fern., and C. oniscicarpa var. simulans Fern. In general these plants may be sorted into the groups made out by Gray, but there are so many intermediates that it seems unwise to maintain them as distinct species. There has been some doubt as to the identity of C. angustifolia, Sherff (Field Mus. Pub. Bot. 11: 407. 1936) considering it to have narrow but elongate and alternate leaves. Nuttall's name C. linifolia has been taken up by Sherff and others for the plant with small and narrow opposite leaves. The only varietal name thus far used in the group is C. oniscicarpa var. simulans, applied to a plant with broad opposite leaves, thus squarely between the two main intraspecific groups. Just as a binomial applied to an intraspecific hybrid need not be used for either of the parents, so, I believe, the var. simulans need not be taken up for either of the two varieties between which it stands. Plants of this alliance, as I understand them, may be treated as follows:

Coreopsis gladiata Walt. var. gladiata, nom. nov. *C. gladiata* Walt. Fl. Carol. 215. 1788, sens. strict. Leaves all or nearly all alternate, the lower ones greatly elongate, mostly 1–3.5 cm. wide; stem mostly terete.

Coreopsis gladiata Walt. var. linifolia (Nutt.) comb. nov. C. linifolia Nutt. Journ. Acad. Philad. 7: 75. 1834. Leaves

(or at least the middle and upper ones) mostly or all opposite, the lower ones not greatly elongate, mostly 0.3–1 cm. wide; stem tending to be quadrangular.

The rays of var. gladiata average a little longer than those of var. linifolia, as noted by Gray, but the difference is entirely inconstant and not at all to be depended on. The differences which have been noted by various students in the size and shape of the involucral bracts, and size of the achenes and their wings, seem to me too variable to be of much assistance. No difference in the range of the two varieties can be discerned from our specimens and the previous treatments.

Coreopsis lanceolata L. var. lanceolata, nom. nov. $\it C.$ lanceolata L. Sp. Pl. 908. 1753, sens. strict.

Coreopsis major Walt. var. major, nom. nov. C. major

Walt. Fl. Carol. 214. 1788, sens. strict.

Echinacea laevigata (Boynton & Beadle) Blake is a rare plant that differs from E. purpurea in being glabrous throughout. Its range is almost entirely included within that of E. purpurea, but is much more restricted. E. purpurea ordinarily has both the stem and the leaves conspicuously hirsute, but individuals with the stem essentially glabrous are not uncommon. A specimen in the herbarium of the New York Botanical Garden (Murrill s. n., Lynchburg, Va.), annotated E. laevigata by Sharp, has the upper surface of the leaves short-hirsute, but is otherwise essentially glabrous. In the absence of any other distinguishing feature, E. laevigata can scarcely stand as a species.

ECHINACEA PURPUREA Moench var. purpurea, nom. nov. E.

purpurea Moench, Meth. Pl. 591. 1794, sens. strict.

ECHINACEA PURPUREA Moench var. laevigata (Boynton & Beadle), comb. nov. Brauneria laevigata Boynton & Beadle in Small, Fl. S. E. U. S. 1261. 1903.

Echinacea attorubens Nutt., described from Arkansas, is represented in the herbarium of the New York Botanical Garden by specimens from Oklahoma and Texas. A tracing of part of the type collection, with detailed drawings of certain parts, is also on deposit. E. paradoxa (Norton) Britton & Brown is represented by several specimens from Missouri and a few from Oklahoma and Texas, and specimens from these states only are cited by Sharp (Ann. Mo. Bot. Gard. 22: 95. 1935). The ranges of the two species, although not identical, are seen to cover much of

the same territory. E. J. Palmer pointed out in 1936 (Rhodora 38: 197–199) that the two species are very much alike except for the color of the ligules, these being purple in E. atrorubens, and yellow in E. paradoxa. The two other minor differences which he suggested, the sometimes longer ligules of E. atrorubens, and the sometimes wider leaves of E. paradoxa, nearly vanish when our specimens are examined. In the absence of any other distinguishing feature, it seems unwise to maintain the two species as distinct.

ECHINACEA ATRORUBENS Nutt. var. atrorubens, nom. nov. E. atrorubens Nutt. Trans. Am. Phil. Soc. n. ser. 7: 354. 1840, sens. strict.

ECHINACEA ATRORUBENS Nutt. var. **paradoxa** (Norton), comb. nov. *Brauneria paradoxa* Norton, Trans. Acad. Sci. St. Louis **12**: 40. 1902.

It may be noted that *E. atrorubens* has nearly from the first been confused with a southeastern species of *Rudbeckia*. A full and apparently correct discussion was published in 1901 by Boynton & Beadle (Bilt. Bot. Stud. 1: 11–12), but as late as 1935 Sharp excluded it from *Echinacea* with only the following comment: "Small in 'Flora of the Southeastern United States'... included six species, four of which are retained in this monograph, one reduced to a variety, and the sixth being excluded." (Ann. Mo. Bot. Gard. 22: 85. 1935.)

Dr. Fernald, following Exell (Cat. Vasc. Pl. S. Tome 225. 1944), has recently maintained (Rhodora 47: 196–7. 1945) that the name *Eclipta alba* (L.) Hassk. must be replaced by *Eclipta prostrata* (L.) L. Linnaeus, in the Species Plantarum, proposed among others two species of *Verbesina*, *V. alba* and *V. prostrata*. Later (Mant. 286. 1771) he transferred both these species to *Eclipta*, but substituted the epithet *erecta* for *alba*, thus coining the illegitimate name *E. erecta*, a nomenclatural synonym of *Verbesina alba*. Later (in 1848) Hasskarl published the combination *Eclipta alba*, based on *Verbesina alba* L., and indicated that *E. prostrata* might or might not be sufficiently distinct to warrant recognition.

Fernald says "Since Verbesina alba L. and V. prostrata L. are considered conspecific and are of even date, the first of them taken up must stand. This is E. prostrata (L.) L. (1771)". The pertinent statement in Article 56 of the Rules is as follows: "If the

names or epithets are of the same date, the author who unites the groups has the right of choosing one of them. The author who first adopts one of them, definitely treating another as a synonym or referring it to a subordinate group, must be followed." Note that the two species were not combined by Linnaeus in the Mantissa. The fact that prostrata was the first legitimate epithet to be used in Eclipta has no bearing on the matter; the Kew Rule has been repudiated by the International Code. two epithets, alba and prostrata, are still of the same date; therefore the first author to unite them definitely under one name or the other must be followed. Hasskarl's treatment, in which he indicated that E. prostrata might or might not be distinct from E. alba, is not sufficiently definite to fulfill the requirement of Article 56 in setting the precedent. The first definite use of one name to cover both species, so far as I am aware, is that of Miguel, in the Fl. Ind. Bat. 2: 65. 1856, where E. alba is used and E. prostrata relegated to varietal status. This usage, with E. prostrata as a variety or synonym of E. alba, was adopted successively in Oliver's Flora of Tropical Africa, Hooker's Flora of British India, Martius' Flora Brasiliensis, and Gray's Synoptical Flora of North America, and is in general use today. Unless and until it can be shown that, prior to 1856, some author definitely united E. prostrata and E. alba, accepting the former epithet and relegating the latter to intraspecific status or synonvmv, the name E, alba must stand as the proper one.

HELIANTHUS ATRORUBENS L. var. atrorubens, nom. nov.

H. atrorubens L. Sp. Pl. 906. 1753, sens. strict.
HELIANTHUS OCCIDENTALIS Riddell var. occidentalis, nom. nov. H. occidentalis Riddell, Suppl. Cat. Ohio Pl. 13. 1836, sens. strict.

Helianthus tuberosus L. var. tuberosus, nom. nov. H.

tuberosus L. Sp. Pl. 905, 1753, sens. strict.

Parthenium integrifolium L. var. integrifolium, nom. nov.

P. integrifolium L. Sp. Pl. 988, 1753, sens. strict.

Parthenium integrifolium L. var. auriculatum (Britton) Cornelius in herb., comb. nov. P. auriculatum Britton, Ill. Fl. **3:** 521. 1898.

Specimens in the herbarium of the New York Botanical Garden bear Miss Cornelius' label with the heretofore unpub-

¹ I have had the assistance of Dr. M. L. Fernald and Mr. C. A. Weatherby in arriving at this conclusion.

lished combination given above. Since her monograph of the genus *Parthenium* was completed more than 10 years ago, it seems unlikely that publication is now contemplated.

Polymnia Uvedalia L. var. floridana Blake (Rhodora 19: 48. 1917) and var. densipilis Blake (loc. cit.), both differing from var. genuina Blake in having the peduncles spreading-hairy, with few or obscure glands, are now known to be confluent in range, and are distinguished only by the most tenuous of characters. It seems proper to treat them both under the name P. Uvedalia L. var. densipilis Blake.

A considerable number of specific and varietal names has been proposed for the Rudbeckias in our area having the leaves entire or merely toothed, the receptacular bracts glabrous or ciliate, the style-appendages short, and the pappus evident. Among these names are R. fulgida, R. spathulata, R. speciosa, R. Sullivantii, R. palustris, R. missouriensis, R. umbrosa, and R. Deamii. While plants of this group show a great deal of variation in size and shape of the leaves, amount and orientation of pubescence, and length of rays, the variation seems to be essentially continuous. The oldest name, R. fulgida Ait., must therefore stand for the entire group. Four varieties, showing considerable intergradation, may be recognized in our range.

Rudbeckia fulgida Ait. var. Sullivantii (Boynton & Beadle), comb. nov. R. Sullivantii Boynton & Beadle, Bilt. Bot. Stud. 1: 15. 1901. R. speciosa var. Sullivantii Robinson, Rhodora 10: 68. 1908. R. speciosa Wenderoth, Ind. Sem. Hort. Marb. 1828. Rays mostly 2.5–4 cm. long; leaves usually sharply toothed, commonly but not always relatively broad and only sparsely or moderately pubescent; involucral bracts mostly glabrous or strigose. Mostly in moist places; Mich. to Mo. and W. Va., and perhaps southward.

RUDBECKIA FULGIDA Ait. var. umbrosa (Boynton & Beadle), comb. nov. R. umbrosa Boynton & Beadle, Bilt. Bot. Stud. 1: 16. 1901. Rays mostly 1–2.5 cm. long; leaves not very sharply toothed, the cauline ones mostly ovate or broader and abruptly contracted to the wingless or narrowly winged petioles; herbage mostly only sparsely hairy; involucre mostly glabrous or strigose. Moist woodlands; Ky. to Tenn. and Ga.

RUDBECKIA FULGIDA Ait. var. fulgida, nom. nov. R. fulgida Ait. Hort. Kew. 3: 251. 1789, sens. strict. Rays mostly 1-2.5 cm. long, leaves mostly denticulate or subentire, the cauline mostly narrower than ovate and sessile or merely narrowed to

winged petioles or petioliform bases, nearly always at least some of them over 2 cm. wide; herbage usually only sparsely or moderately pubescent; involucral bracts mostly glabrous or strigose. Mostly in woodlands, but sometimes in drier or boggy places; Pa. to Ohio, Ind., Mo., and southward.

Rudbeckia fulgida Ait. var. missouriensis (Engelm.), comb. nov. R. missouriensis Engelm. ex Boynton & Beadle, Bilt. Bot. Stud. 1: 17. 1901. Rays mostly 1–2.5 cm. long; leaves denticulate or subentire, narrow, even the basal ones rarely over 2 cm. wide; involucral bracts mostly spreading-hirsute; herbage densely spreading-hirsute. Mostly in dry open places; Mo. to Tex.

Rudbeckia laciniata L. var. laciniata, nom. nov. R. laciniata L. Sp. Pl. 906. 1753, sens. strict.

RUDBECKIA TRILOBA L. var. **triloba**, nom. nov. *R. triloba* L. Sp. Pl. 907. 1753, sens. strict.

Rudbeckia alismaefolia T. & G. apparently differs from R. grandiflora Gmel. only in being less pubescent and in having usually more obtuse leaves. The two are habitally very much alike, and intermediates may be found. The necessary combinations follow.

Rudbeckia grandiflora Gmel. var. grandiflora, nom. nov. R. grandiflora Gmel. ex DC. Prodr. 5: 556. 1836, sens. strict. Rudbeckia grandiflora Gmel. var. alismaefolia (T. & G.), comb. nov. R. alismaefolia T. & G. Fl. N. Am. 2: 310. 1841. Silphium integrifolium Michx. var. integrifolium, nom. nov. S. integrifolium Michx. Fl. Bor. Am. 2: 146. 1803, sens. strict. Silphium trifoliatum L. var. trifoliatum, nom. nov. S. trifoliatum L. Sp. Pl. 920. 1753, sens. strict.

The genus Verbesina of Linnaeus included plants now referred to several distinct genera, and there has been some question to which of these the name should be applied. According to the list of proposed type species of Linnaean genera, as printed in the currently available edition of the International Rules, V. alata should be accepted as the type. This is in accordance with the treatments of Bentham, Hoffman, and Gray, and may well be adhered to. In the Genera Plantarum, Bentham separated Actinomeris Nutt., with 9 species, from Verbesina on the basis of its neutral rather than pistillate rays, noting that in habit and other features the two groups were very similar. It is now well known that several species of Verbesina may either lack or possess the style, however. Hoffman, and most American botanists,

have maintained Actinomeris (or one of its synonyms, such as Ridan) for two species with squarrosely spreading achenes and relatively few and soon deflexed involucral bracts. The type species of Verbesina, however, frequently has distinctly squarrose-spreading achenes, and the difference in the involucres is neither very great nor sharply defined. In view of the general habital similarity of the groups, their admittedly close relationship, and the absence of any well-marked differentiating character, it seems pointless to maintain the separation. Actinomeris Nutt. should be considered an integral part of Verbesina L. No new combinations are required. It may be noted that the combination V. alternifolia (L.) Britt., which appeared as a nomen nudum in Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 20: 485. 1893, was validated by Mohr in Contr. U. S. Nat. Herb. 6: 804. 1901.

The determination of species of Xanthium has become a formidable task, undertaken by many botanists only when it becomes unavoidable, and then with serious misgivings. More than 20 species are reputed to occur in North America. I am convinced that the only proper way out of the difficulty is that suggested by Wiegand in the Flora of the Cayuga Lake Basin. ("Several years ago I undertook a revision of the American Xanthiums, making use of the material in the Gray Herbarium. After a prolonged but unsuccessful effort to prepare a satisfactory treatment, the problem was laid aside. I am now greatly in doubt as to the existence of more than one real species in the group represented by X. chinense Mill., X. pennsylvanicum Wallr., X. italicum Mor., and other related forms. The foliage in these forms is practically identical, and the only differences of any moment are in the burs, which are indeed highly variable. Extreme forms of burs, however, are often found in the same colony, as though sporadically produced. A large suite of specimens is almost sure to show a nearly or quite unbroken series through the various forms. In every attempt to segregate the burs into species, so many transitional specimens have been found as to do unwarranted violence to any species concept. It is probably wise to treat all North American Xanthiums as one species except X. spinosum L. and possibly X. strumarium L. and X. echinatum Murr. X. strumarium, however, is scarcely distinet, and with more study may also be included. X. echinatum may be a real species, as it has a distinct coastal range, and seems to behave as though genetically distinct . . .") I am completely in agreement with Wiegand's observations, except that X. strumarium sens. strict. seems no more than varietally distinct from our plants, and that I am quite unable to see any sort of taxonomic unit in X. echinatum. Our plants, as I understand them, may be treated as follows:

Xanthium strumarium L. sens. strict. Fruit straightbeaked, small, less than 2 cm. long, yellow-green, puberulent but not hirsute or markedly glandular. Common in Europe;

also in Calif. and reputedly in Mass.

Xanthium strumarium L. var. glabratum (DC.), comb. nov. X. macrocarpum var. glabratum DC. Prodr. 5: 523. 1836. Fruits with more or less incurved beaks, usually small, seldom over 2 cm. long, usually brownish or vellowish-brown, atomiferous-glandular or slightly glandular-puberulent to subglabrous between the prickles, not hirsute. Sometimes closely resembling the preceding, sometimes passing into the following. throughout our range, but not so sommon as the next.

XANTHIUM STRUMARIUM L. Var. CANADENSE (Mill.) T. & G. Fl. N. Am. 2: 294. 1841. X. canadense Mill. Gard. Dict. ed. 8. 1768. Fruits with evidently incurved beaks, usually large, commonly 2-3.5 cm. long, occasionally larger or smaller, generally brown or yellowish-brown, the lower part of the prickles conspicuously spreading-hirsute with viscid hairs, the surface between the prickles often stipitate-glandular. Occurs throughout

our range.

Although both species of Xanthium have now become cosmopolitan weeds, and X. strumarium was well established in Europe four hundred years ago (according to Hegi), it seems probable that they originated in the new world. Except for a few species of Ambrosia, the subtribe Ambrosinae is otherwise exclusively American.

I am fully in agreement with Asa Gray that the plant treated in recent manuals as Actinea herbacea Greene is no more than varietally distinct from A. acaulis (Pursh) Spreng., but the proper varietal combination under Actinea has not yet been made.

ACTINEA ACAULIS (Pursh) Spreng. var. glabra (A. Gray), comb. nov. Actinella scaposa var. glabra A. Gray, Man. ed. 5. 263. 1867. Actinella acaulis var. glabra A. Gray, Syn. Fl. **2** (1): 345. 1884.

Helenium autumnale L. var. autumnale, nom. nov. H.

autumnale L. Sp. Pl. 886. 1753, sens. strict.

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Campanula rapunculoides in Indiana.—The 7th Edition of "Gray's Manual" gives the range of this plant as far west as Ohio. Deam's "Flora of Indiana" records it from Steuben Co., which has Ohio as its eastern boundary, and also from Wells Co. in the eastern part of the state. Deam also records the essentially glabrous variety ucranica from Lake Co., remote from the range of the species.

June 30, 1942, I found a small patch of what seems to me the species itself at Hobart, Lake Co., in waste ground along a road. The plants are much roughened, especially on leaves and calyx lobes, with small hairs, in many cases reduced to little more than papillae. June 21, 1945, I again visited this colony, and found it much increased, and the plants larger, due to the copious rainfall during the spring months. Pubescence, however, seemed to be about the same. The flowers are a clear lilac, although they turn blue in drying.

Specimens have been sent to the Gray Herbarium.—Edwin D. Hull, Gary, Indiana.

[&]quot;IA." SOMETIMES STANDS FOR INDIANA.—In RHODORA, XIVII. 175 (1945) I referred to a sheet of specimens of typical Scutellaria nervosa as bearing the annotation "Knobs. Ia. Mohr lg. 1854" and suggested the possibility of some error in the data, since no such plant is known from Iowa, but is what "one expects from the Knobs of Kentucky and Tennessee". Dr. Roland M. Harper, in a letter written June 23, points out that in this case "Ia." unquestionably stands for Indiana. In his very detailed Biographical Sketch of Dr. Charles Mohr, Bull. Torr. Bot. Cl. xxviii. 599-604 (1901), Dr. Eugene A. Smith stated that Mohr arrived at Cincinnati in December, 1850, and "The next two years were spent upon a farm in Indiana . . . Finally . . he went to Louisville" until the climate forced him to go farther south. As Dr. Harper says, "Clarke Co., Indiana has plenty of knobs"; he further calls my attention to the publication of Gerardia Skinneriana Wood, Class-Bk., ed. 2, 408 (1847), a species described from "Barrens, Ia.!", and named for an Indiana botanist: "I detected this delicate species in July, 1846, in Greene Co., Ia., on land belonging to Dr. A. G. Skinner." Deam, Fl. Ind. 853, speaks of "the type locality in Greene County"; while Pennell, Scroph. E. Temp. N. Am. 468, cites the type as marked by Wood as from "Indiana, legit ipse". The case is clear, then, that "Ia." once stood for Indiana, now

generally abbreviated "Ind.", while "Ia." now stands for "Iowa". One is reminded of the policy of the old lady in the autobiographical story of early Indiana, popular during my boyhood, The Hoosier-Schoolmaster: "'Git a plenty while you're a gittin' says I". Turning to Lippincott's Gazetteer of 1856 with the hope of finding Indiana abbreviated "Ia.", my eye is caught by "INDIANAPOLIS, a post-village of . . . Iowa, . . . N. E. of Oskaloosa"!—M. L. Fernald.

Betula papyrifera, var. commutata in Western Maine.—While botanizing along the Sunday River beyond Ketchum in Riley, Oxford County, Maine, on August 16, 1945, I found a birch which, because of the red-brown color of the bark, seemed unusual. When the revision of the white birches by Prof. Fernald appeared in the October Rhodora, I immediately tried to place the birch. The range, "woodlands near the coast", did not seem to fit western Oxford County but Prof. Fernald has kindly confirmed the specimen as Betula papyrifera Marsh., var. commutata (Regel) Fernald. This seems worth recording as it extends the range of this variety much farther inland.—R. C. Bean, Wakefield, Mass.

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